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MISSION

The Association strives to champion Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), provide and enable quality information, education, communication and services for all, especially the underserved in rural and mountainous areas.

Target Areas

North Phyongan province	Kangwon province
South Phyongan province	North Hamgyong province
North Hwanghae province	South Hamgyong province
South Hwanghae province	Ryanggang province

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Foreword from President

2022 was a meaningful year marking a breakthrough in laying the foundations for rapid development of Korean style socialist countryside by hastening rural construction.

In response to the Party's will to build up an ideal land with flourishing culture of our own style by eliminating the backwardness of the countryside compared with the towns, modern living houses as well as neighborhood-serving amenities for agricultural workers are rising up, rivalling, in every farming village over the country, spreading out a fresh and fantastic landscape of Korean style socialist cultural rural villages.

Looking back upon a year which opened a brilliant era of rural prosperity in the new century, I would like to present my warm greetings to all volunteers and staff of Family Health Association of Korea (FHAK), for their dedication with a single mind to contribute to building of socialist civilization in the countryside by improving the access to reproductive health (RH) service among population living in remote rural and mountainous areas.

Deep thanks are also paid to the Government for its support towards Association as ever despite the current hard times.

Worthy to mention about the performance in 2022 is that endeavors were made to elevate the quality of life of population by fulfilling the project activities to deliver quality and comprehensive reproductive health service, getting through many challenges from pandemic spread including the operation of top emergency anti-epidemic system following the intrusion of viruses.

A number of volunteers and staff helped the anti-epidemic works, screening and testing even under the national top emergency anti-epidemic system, making tangible contributions to relax the nationwide anti-epidemic crisis within short span of time.



The year 2022 was a significant one which witnessed speculative events not only within the organization but also across the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

In particular, greeting its 70th anniversary, IPPF opened a General Assembly of its members and declared the strategic plan 2023-2028 which showcased its will to rebrand itself as the organization advancing reproductive health and rights for all people, proudly reflecting on its historical tracks struggling for human rights. On this occasion, sincere gratitude is extended towards IPPF for their commitments to its righteous mission for RH and gender equality amidst a world of challenges. Now we have much more jobs to do than what we have done. I have firm belief in that all volunteers and staff in Association will double their efforts with a single aim to fulfill their duty as champions, communicators, service providers for people's SRHR in the New Year 2023 as well.

Dr. Kim Kyong Hye
President

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Report by Executive Director



It is nearly 3 years that the evil pandemic kicked off global upheavals of health crisis.

With the year 2022, success gained by Association is that entire volunteers and staff firmly united and added much to removal of tough anti-epidemic crisis temporarily created and that they creditably carried out the activities to achieve people's SRHR.

I would like to offer my thanks to every volunteers and staff in FHAK for their exertions to carry out their noble mission and duty in spite of such severe difficulties and trials.

Service providers of Association readily took part in the screening and testing of population and treatment of fever cases and took good care of population in a responsible manner, while they provided 530,851 services to more than 112,500 people through continued RH service delivery. Above 1.08 million people were able to receive RH information in the year through updated contents of IEC materials and methods of IEC activities and by many volunteers involved.

The working system and staff structure of Association was upgraded in line with the actual situation, thereby enabling to ensure higher accountability and transparency in internal control and financing in the organization.

All these achievements made in 2022 could not be expected but for the positive assistance from government who always prioritize the life and health of people and directs all necessary things to it.

As the Executive Director of FHAK, I would like to express my gratitude to the government for its unsparing aid for people's RH as ever.

The year 2023 is the first year to implement the new strategic plan 2023-2028.

IPPF, in its new strategic plan, clearly manifested its ambitious design and aim at home and abroad to build up the world equitable and free of discrimination, where everybody fully enjoys their SRHR.

I am sure that IPPF will adhere to its member association-centred approach of work and further intensify its guidance and assistance on its journey to accomplish its strategy.

I would like to avail this opportunity to thank IPPF for its constant co-operation towards Association.

I am fully confident that, in 2023 as well, all staff together with volunteers will fulfil their responsibility and duty in realizing their vision and mission for SRH promotion based on the achievements and experience gained.

Dr. So Hyon Chol
Executive Director

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Advocacy

To provide the basis for RH service delivery in disasters

Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) is a matter of significance in protection of people's RH in crisis. In recent years, frequent natural disasters in the country owing to the impact of disastrous climates require us to create solid foundation for MISP. Especially, the prerequisite for it is to appropriately reflect the MISP in the national plan for disaster preparedness.

Starting from this importance, the secretariat carried out advocacy to solve this issue.



They met Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) officials four times to underline the importance of this issue and to appeal for its progress within short period.

In addition, in collaboration with National Institute of Public Health Administration, Population Centre and Academy of Medical Science, the joint report was made in August to be submitted to MoPH officials covering the information on the status and the demand for RH service in the country in disasters, and other related recommendations from international organizations.

On this basis, we will further proceed with it.



Thanks to support and assistance from the government

Support and assistance from the government is vital for activities of Association.

Funding from government takes a good share each year, however, in 2022, peculiar situation was created with regard to the government fund.

It was necessary to formulate the 3 Year's Business Plan from 2023 to 2025 and confirm the possibility of funding by the donors based on it.

Following the scrutiny into the budget by Senior Management Team (SMT) meeting, Executive Director and the Treasurer had talks with relevant government officials 3 times in July and August.

Executive Director showed them that the Association conducted activities in a responsible and transparent manner in the past years, presenting Annual Performance Reports and Financial Reports. Information about new strategic plan and three-year budget plan were also shared. With their trust in the Association built up along the history of about three decades in the past as well as the efforts paid by the secretariat, government officials showed their intentions to continue support in coming years.

Thus, favorable condition was provided for successful advance of new strategic plan.



To bring success in carrying out Opportunity Grant project

In July, IPPF East and South East Asia and Oceania Region (ESEAOR) provided the Opportunity Grant at the aim of mitigating the adverse effects from COVID-19 pandemic and facilitating the activities of MAs.

Accordingly, the project was carried out to address the consequences of pandemic spread and to achieve the yearly plan by promoting comprehensive and integrated RH service delivery through Service Delivery Points (SDPs) in the latter half of the year 2022. The first and foremost thing for the project implementation was to urgently supplement the medical commodities required.

In view of urgency of the problem and stricter situation related with supply procurement from operation of the top emergency anti-epidemic system, SMT decided to ask for help from emergency anti-epidemic agency.

Therefore, Executive Director met relevant officials 2 times in June and July and explained about the Opportunity Grant project and sought for assistance in purchasing necessary medical commodities.

The request was kindly accepted and commodities amounting to 269, 000 pieces of 99 kinds were purchased by the end of July, so that the project could be rolled out.



IEC activities

Family Life Education (FLE) for youth



Disseminating knowledge about RH and family life to youth is important for them to build up their capacity to bear responsibility for their RH and keep to their obligations for the society and family. Above activity was planned to be carried out in May by the business plan 2022, but actually postponed to the latter half of the year in accordance to the top emergency anti-epidemic measures.

More than 300 students in Pyongyang city attended the education in September.

Before providing education, importance of this activity was explained to the officials in colleges and other practical issues such as the dates, time, number of participants and venues for education, etc. were on the table.

Besides, 5 trainers were trained to educate students about it.

Upon preparation, FLE was given after schools for colleges in Pyongyang.

The lectures touched the issues to be acquired by youth including general concept of gender, RH issues through life cycles, STIs, HIV/AIDS and the country situation related with them.

The session finished with evaluation of awareness, which reached above 75%.

Considering the success and experience gained, Association intends to transit to online FLE in future.

Daily increasing number of readers

RH knowledge from Association on the nation-wide computer network is attracting more people day by day. Number of readers were more than 67,000 in 2022, which indicates the increase by 4% relative to 2021 and increase by more than 3 times compared with the baseline 4 years ago.

Below is a letter from one of readers.

"I am a student studying commerce. Once I was told by my friend that the site operated by some institution is rich in interesting information. Since then, I began surfing in it to find many RH knowledge. Frankly speaking, I was a stranger to it. One day it happened. Some months ago my mother felt nausea and had little appetite for meals. She took different medicines by herself, but nothing changed. Then I advised her to visit Family Health Clinic if it was not due to menopause. She followed my words, and the doctors diagnosed it as menopausal syndrome. When she recovered, she asked me how I could be aware about it. I told her that it was thanks to the articles on the site which added to my stock of knowledge. ... I hope more information will be shared related with RH in coming days."



Holding the needs of people on IEC materials in time

Posters, leaflets, pamphlets, etc. are conventional means for communication to share RH information to population.

What prioritized by Association in making IEC materials is to seize and reflect the demands of people for them in an accurate and timely manner.

To this end, a system was set up to learn about the demands for IEC materials quarterly from the clients visiting SDPs.

Demands for RH information in relation to pandemic spread took the most part during the survey in July.

To respond to it, Head Office designed a new leaflet in more than 20 days, which covers effective family planning methods in case of long-term lockdown and isolation under pandemic spread as well as contraindications for pregnant women in medical therapy.

100,000 copies of the leaflet were printed and distributed by volunteers and service providers.

The leaflets drew people's attention as it took up the urgent issues emerging in the actual situation.

Thus, 210,000 copies of 3 kinds of IEC materials were developed and used to disseminate the RH knowledge to population.



Service delivery



With a spirit of devotion to the people

Achievements were made in service delivery through Family Health Clinics (FH Clinics) and Outreach Service Teams (OS Teams).

In 2022, all SDPs delivered the services, strictly observing the emergency anti-epidemic regulations guided by the Committee for Leading Emergency Anti-epidemic Response of the Association.

Especially, delivery of RH services were sustained from high responsibility and commitment of service providers in the period of worst epidemic situation. As a result, 88,573 clients received 378,882 services for a year through FH Clinics and OS Teams, which is an increase by 11.98% compared with 2021.

During the survey on client satisfaction among those visiting FH Clinics, 88.53% of respondents were willing to introduce the services by SDPs to their family members, relatives, friends and neighbors.

And 54 service providers from 9 FH Clinics and 17 staff from 8 Field Offices were trained on Quality of Care (QoC) in 9 batches from August 8th to 31st. Post-training awareness reached 93%.

The training helped the participants acquire better knowledge about the principles and standards for client-centred service delivery.

In addition, 151,969 modern Family Planning (FP) services were enabled by 343 Ri clinics in partnership with MA for 23,903 people in target areas.



Defending the life and safety of people from malignant disease

Broke out in May the national top emergency – “BA.2”, the subvariant of omicron entered the territory of DPRK. Then the top emergency anti-epidemic system was declared over the country and not only entire health workers in anti-epidemic and public health sectors but also a host of volunteers were involved in screening and testing, treatment of cases with fever.

Service providers of FHAK also joined it with warm affection and the spirit of dedication for people. Voluntary service delivery initiated by two nurses in Uiju FH Clinic in early May was amplified to all

SDPs within 3 days. By mid-May, 52 doctors and nurses built up 26 emergency aid teams and provided outreach services under contact with public health facilities. Service providers contributed to stabilizing anti-epidemic situation in local area by sacrificing themselves in perilous anti-epidemic war, overstepping the limit of their capacity. Finally, about 82,000 services were provided to above 5,000 population during the operation of top emergency anti-epidemic system. Spirit of devotion, self-sacrifice and sincerity exhibited by service providers in this period were highly acknowledged by target population and public health workers. This brought closer relations with population in project areas and the image of Association was further highlighted.



Governance & management

33rd Annual General Meeting of members



33rd Annual General Meeting of members were held virtually between April 23rd and 24th. It highly appreciated the performance of volunteers and staff for their continued IEC and service delivery to defend the life and safety of people and to promote their RH amidst all challenges facing in critical situation with growing numbers of infections globally on account of successively emerging subvariants of virus in the past year.

Also mentioned was that the follow-up process like updating the logo and legal registrations were finished after the Association was renamed in the Extraordinary General Meeting in November 2021. Besides, outcome of the activities to expand the numbers of volunteers in the new project areas and to elevate their capacity as well as to intensify the governing body involving capable volunteers and to improve the governance were also summarized.

Since it is the last year in achieving the strategic plan 2016-2022, pending goals were identified, and updated business plan and budget for 2022 were presented to better accomplish the strategic plan.

Lastly, amended regulations and constitutions, policies in relation to renaming of Association were duly adopted and new memberships were approved.

Sharing experience through Youth Forum

In February, virtual Youth Forum was open. It mentioned that major progress gained in youth activity in 2021 was activated peer education. 12 cases about related experience and best practices were presented.

Speakers stated that diverse settings and means were utilized for peer education to meet the psychological characteristics per ages. In particular, in order to raise awareness about SRHR among young people in rural and mountainous areas, many sports games were arranged on holidays like Youth Day and, availing this opportunity, IEC materials were distributed and explanations were given. Introduction about this activity called the attention of participants.

In addition to it, many of speakers underlined that lifting communication skills for smooth contact is of great significance along with keeping pride and responsibility in their activities for better peer education.

The forum ended with the presentation about the action plan for peer education in 2022 followed by related feedbacks.

35 young people attended the Youth Forum.



Drawing the business plan 2023-2025

Three-year plan to be effected between 2023 and 2025 was built on new IPPF strategy.

Online consultations and webinars across IPPF enabled the process of designing to grow lively starting from the end of June. In parallel with it, several discussions were made between governing body members and secretariat staff.

In this course, priority areas were reconfirmed for RH promotion in the country and for attaining new strategic goals set by IPPF, and detailed action plans were worked out. The plan amended and supplemented under technical assistance by IPPF ESEAOR was examined and approved by IPPF Central Office.

The plan will help Association grow to be more powerful, energetic and accountable in future.



In order to raise income

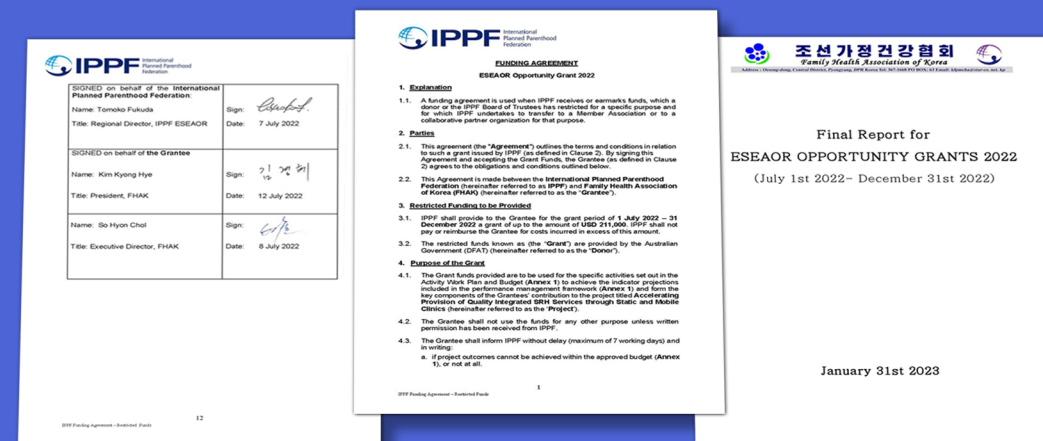
Activities for raising income were vigorously carried out from the beginning of the year.

Focus was put on advocacy with relevant local agencies and promoting social enterprise activities. Therefore, local income in 2022 was KPW 58,543,198, accounting for 68.8% of total income, which is increase of KPW 853,370 relative to 2021.

And new projects were developed in relation to prioritized activities to facilitate the approach based on restricted funding. For these projects, several applications were submitted to overseas donors.

Particularly, the project (IPPF ESEAOR Opportunity Grant 2022) was developed and submitted to the donor under the technical assistance by IPPF ESEAOR to urgently remove the gaps in achievement of MA 2022 business plan owing to pandemic spread and to attain the target for 2022.

The project was launched from July 2022, funded by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) amounting to USD 154,221.





Service Statistics

Increasing the number of young volunteers

In general, youth volunteers are ruled out from their activities at the age of 25, while number of young people invited as new volunteers is only a few. This is one of the reasons that the proportion of youth among volunteers is low.

In order to call up more young people as volunteers, Association formed youth volunteer groups in each project areas including the experienced above the age of 25 as mentors, who conducted motivation activities to encourage young people under 25 years to take an active participation in voluntary actions.

After this activity was carried on for two months from September, more than 40 young people were registered as volunteers.



FP services

Service items	Services provided/enabled			Total
	Family Health Clinics	Outreach Service Teams	Associated Health Facilities	
FP General counselling	37,647	6,293	75,947	119,887
Oral contraception	18,649		57,698	76,347
Injectable contraception	1,750			1,750
Male condom	6,001		16,338	22,339
Implant contraception	379			379
IUD	14,205	9,386		23,591
Female sterilization	228			228
Male sterilization	163			163
Emergency contraception	122		596	718
Fertility awareness-based method	1,013		1,390	2,403
Total	80,157	15,679	151,969	247,805

Non-FP services

Service items	Services provided		Total
	Family Health Clinics	Outreach Service Teams	
Abortion	5,526		5,526
HIV/AIDS	122	163	285
STIs/RTIs	5,155	2,595	7,750
Gynecology	55,584	59,962	115,546
Obstetrics	9,927	9,649	19,576
Urology	2,033	2,291	4,324
Subfertility	2,228	1,600	3,828
Specialized SRH	6,634	4,957	11,591
Pediatrics	8,597	5,009	13,606
Non-SRH	61,988	39,026	101,014
Total	157,794	125,252	283,046

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